Tea Trading Corporation of India

1158. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that public sector trading in tea is now being operated through various agencies like Andrew Yule, Balmer Lawrie and even the State Trading Corporation, despite the fact that the Tea Trading Corporation of India was formed solely for the purpose of operating trade in tea;

(b) whether Government propose to channelise the entire tea trade through the Tea Trading Corporation; and

(c) whether the State Trading Corporation has the requisite expertise in doing the tea and also registered in any of the auction centres as a tea trader, if not, what are the reasons for allowing the Corporation to trade in tea in competition with its own subsidiary, the Tea Trading Corporation of India?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) The major part of the tea trade is in the private sector. In addition to Tea Trading Corporation of India other Central Public for Undertakings like Balmer Lawrie, Andrew Yule a s als$_o$ State Public Sector corporations are involved in tea.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The State Trade Corporation of India makes use of its marketing strength, expertise and foreign offices to obtain export orders for various products, including tea, which executes with the help of associates Tea exports are handled by its Tea Division and its exports in the past have been comparable to Tea Trading Corporation of India. With the conversion of TTCI into a subsidiary of STC, tea operations of both the companies are in the process of being rationalised.

फाइबर प्रोसेसर प्राइवेट लिमिटेड फरीदाबाद, हरियाणा

1159. **श्री सोहनलाल धूलिया** : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) फाइबर प्रोसेसर प्राइवेट लिमिटेड कम्पनी फरीदाबाद (हरियाणा) कब से तथा किन कारणों से बंद पड़ी है ;

(ख) इसमें कितने श्रमिक कार्य करते थे; और

(ग) सरकार ने उक्त मिल को फिर से चलाने तथा बेरोजगारी दूर करने के विचार से भूतपूर्व कर्मचारियों को पुन: नियोजित करने के लिए अब तक क्या प्रयत्न किये हैं?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी.ए. संगमा) : (क) से (ग) अपेक्षित सूचना हरियाणा सरकार से एकत्र की जा रही है और इसे यथा-समय सभा-पटल पर रख दिया जाएगा।

Refinancing of soft drink plants by Industrial Development Bank of India

1160. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industrial Development Bank of India is re-financing soft drink plants at present;

(b) if so, what is the number of such applications cleared by the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) in 1985-86, giving details of locations of such plants and the financial involvement of IDBI in each case;

(c) whether any such proposals for re-finance are pending with the IDBI; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Industrial Develoment Bank of India (IDBI) has reported that new projects for manufacture of soft drinks are *discomraged* in view of their low priority.

(b) According to provisional information furnished b the IDBI, 8 manufacturing units of soft drinks were sanctioned refinancing assistance to the tune of Rs.

212.87 lakhs during the period July, 85—March, 1986.

(c) and (d) As per information readily available, four applications seeking refinance assistance aggregating Rs. 263.50 lakhs are reportedly pending with the IDBI offices at Bhopal and Calcutta.

Financing of soft drink and aerated water plants by banks

1161. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the nationalised banks are financing soft drink and aerated water plants at present:

(b) what is the number of such plants financed by nationalised banks in 1985-86 whose machinery costs exceed the small scale industry limit; and

(c) whether any proposals for such plants are pending with banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and to the extent available and permissible under the rules will be laid on the Table of the House.

Export of shrimps

1162. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a whether the actual quantity of shrimps exported has declined during 1985-86 as compared to the preceding two financial years; and

(b) what steps have been taken by his Ministry to coordinate policies with the Ministry of Agriculture to ensure upward trend in the export of shrimps?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Exports of Srimps during the last three were as follow:—

Year	Quantity (in tonnes)	Value (Rs. crores)
1983-84. . .	54513	315·10
1984-85. . .	55507	330·04
1985-86. . .	47500	308 75
(April '85 to January '86)		

The Exports during 1985-86 (April—January) were marginally lower than the exports during the corresponding period in 1984-85 but higher then exports in 1983-84.

(Source: Marine products Exports Development Authority)

(b) The Ministry of Agriculture has constituted an expert Committee to go into the causes for the decline in shrimp landings. An Inter-Ministerial Committee consisting of representative of Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Agriculture etc. has also been constituted to identify bottlencks in the exports of Marine products and to harmonise policies and activities on the subject followed by different Ministries concerned.

Cotton destroyed by fire in Maharashtra

1163. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO:

SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of cotton under the control of Monopoly Cotton Scheme and under the control of the Cotton Corporation of India, which has been destroyed by fire in Maharashtra during the last one year;

(b) what were the causes of such fires and how much loss was incurred on this account;

(c) whether such stocks were insured, and if so, the number of claims made against the insurance companies;